

Residential Organics Acceptability List:

YES	NO
Ashes - fireplace, grill, portable fire pit, and chiminea (cold) (double bag)	Animal food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Baked goods	Animal waste, bedding, litter and droppings
Bamboo items	Aluminum foil
Berry cartons (paper only)	Automobile and engine fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)
Bones	Baby, personal and flushable moist wipes
Candy (remove from wrapper)	Band-Aids™, bandages and first-aid items
Cellulose sponges	Batteries
Cereal	Candles and candle wax
Certified compostable bags (must be labeled BPI Certified Compostable)	Candy and chip wrappers
Certified compostable food-service items (must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove Certified Compostable)	Cartons (soup, broth, milk, juice, or wine)
Cheese and cheesecloth	Cat litter
Chopsticks (wood only)	Ceramics (mugs, plates, bowls, vases, etc.)
Coffee filters	Cigarettes and butts
Coffee grounds	Cigars and butts
Condiment packets (paper only including: salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitute, etc.)	Cleaning products including towels, rags, sponges, etc. soaked with cleaning products
Cork (natural only)	Condiment packets (plastic and foil including: ketchup, relish, red pepper, parmesan, taco sauce, etc.)
Corn cobs, husks and shuckings	Condoms and related products
Cotton balls (without chemicals on them)	Construction materials (concrete, sheetrock, etc.)
100% cotton or wool clothing that cannot be repaired or donated (cut into 4" x 4" pieces)	Containers (plastic, glass metal, cartons)
Dough	Cosmetics and perfumes
Dryer lint	Crayons and chalk
Dust bunnies	Dead animals
Egg cartons (paper only)	Dental floss
Egg shells	Detergents (liquid, powder, sheets, and tablets)
Facial tissue	Diapers (baby, overnight, training, swim, and covers)
Fish and fish parts	Dusting wipes
Food - ALL spoiled, moldy, frozen food, dairy, frozen dairy, all fruits and vegetables including peelings and pits, baked goods, sauces, herbs and spices, nuts, seafood and fish including shells and parts, meat including fat and bones, etc.	Feces (human and pet)
Flower bouquets (remove ribbon and plastic)	Feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, liners, applicators - paper or plastic)
Fondue	Fertilizers (solid and liquid)
Frozen foods	Foil and foil-type bags (chips, candy)
Fruit, fruit peels, fruit seeds and pits	Garden trimmings and waste*
Fur - from pet grooming (not fur clothing)	Gauze
Grains	Gift Wrap (recycle gift wrap without glitter or foil)
Gravy and sauces	Glass
Hair - human and pet	Grass clippings*
Herbs and Spices	Gum
House plants and flowers	Incontinence products
Indoor plants, trimmings and soil	Laminated paper

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YES	NO
Jam and jelly	Latex (balloons and gloves)
Masking tape - paper type, small amounts with no paint (not plastic type)	Leaves*
Meat and meat products (including fat and bones)	Liquids (pour non-hazardous liquids down the drain)
Melon, pumpkin and gourds	Litter and street sweepings
Microwaveable paper packaging (no plastic or foil lining)	Markers and pens
Nail clippings	Metal
Newspaper that is wet with food or dirt	Microwaveable popcorn bags (plastic lined with BPA)
Noodles	Packing peanuts (foam or "degradable")
Nuts and nut shells	Paper than can be recycled
Oatmeal	Personal hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, etc.)
Oysters	Pesticides (soild and liquids)
Paper bags (flour, sugar, cornmeal that are not plastic lined)	Pet food bags (plastic or foil lined)
Paper take-out containers (not plastic lined or if lined they must be labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable) (remove any metal)	Pet waste and waste handling items
Paper plates and cups (unlined or if lined they must labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Photos and slides
Paper soiled with food	Plastic (all non-certified compostable, including plastic bags and wrap)
Paper towels and napkins	Popcorn bags that go in the microwave
Pastries and pies	Plastic lined paper (unless is BPI or Cedar Grove certified compsoable)
Parchment paper	Q-tips™ with plastic middle
Pencils (no metal, foil or erasers)	Remodeling debris
Pencil shavings	Rocks and gravel
Pet food and treats (dry, wet - strain liquids first)	Rubber and rubber bands
Pickles	Sandwich bags (unless are BPI certified compostable)
Pizza boxes	Soap (liquid, bar, shampoo, dish, dishwasher, laundry)
PLA plastic (only if labeled BPI or Cedar Grove certified compostable)	Soil and dirt
Popcorn kernels	Star Tribune "oxy degradable" bags
Popcsicle sticks and toothpicks (wood only)	Styrofoam™ (egg cartons, packaging, and peanuts)
Q-tips™ (paper middle only)	Synthetic clothing
Sawdust (untreated wood only) (no metal) (double bag)	Tape (transparent, Scotch™, electrical, duct, packing, mounting, clear, gift wrap, etc.)
Spices (fresh or dried)	Toys
Soup (strain liquids down drain first)	Treated wood (lumber and sawdust)
Tea bags (tea bag packaging must be paper only, no plastic or foil lining) (remove staples)	Vacuum cleaner bags
Tissues and tissue paper	Wax
Vacuum cleaner contents (no metal, plastic, or pet litter)	Wood scraps
Wax paper (butter wraps, pastry bags, fast food wappers, etc.)	Wrapping Paper (wrapping paper without glitter or foil can be recycled)

Note: Items marked with a * in the No column are great to compost in a backyard compost bin.